EXTENSION OF THE SUPERANNUATION AGE

329. SRI H. PUTTADAS (Sathnoor) :—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the names of Department in respect of which the age of superannuation has been extended upto 58 years;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government is examining a proposal to extend this privilege to Medical Health and M. A. S. Officers also.

(*c*) if so, when this is going th be implemented?

SRI VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister) :—

(*a*) —

(i) Government Primary and Secondary School Teachers.

(il) Teachers belonging to the Department of Collegiate Educotion.

(iii) Teachers blonging to the Department of Technical Education.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SCHEME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BIDAR DISTRICT

334. SRI. S. BHIMANNA (Bhalki):—

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare, be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that Bidar district is the most backward district in the State:

(*b*) whether National Development Council has passed any resolution and has recommended that special funds may be allotted to the most backward areas in any State, so that it may be brought on par with other developed areas:

(*c*) whether any representation has been made by the Legislators of Bidar district to establish a Special Cell for Bidar District by providing special fund, for the purpose of Development of Bidar District:

(*d*) if so, the steps the Government has taken in this regard;

(*e*) whether the Government has prepared a special scheme for the development of this district in all aspects as a special case ?

SRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare):—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The National Development Council had decided that the State Governments should devote special attention to the subject of Development of backward areas within their plan ceilings to reduce regional imbalances. The Committee of National Development Council consisting of State Chief Ministers decided on September 26, 1969 that fiscal and financial incentives should be given for starting of industries in backward areas.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Government has asked the Heads of Departments to give preferential treatment to Bidar while implimenting the Fourth Plan Schemes, within the Departmental Plan ceilings. They have been asked to tour Bidar district intensively at least once a year and review the working of the Departmental programmes and take steps to intensify the activities. The Divisional Commissioner, Gulbarga, has also been asked to review the progress of development work of each department during the Divisional Level Co-ordination Committee meetings.

(*e*) The Small Farmers Development Agency Scheme has been prepared and the Government of India have approved the scheme.

TRANSFERS OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

339. SRI K. H. PATIL (Gadag):—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of heads of the Departments holding the same posts for more than 4 years and the circumstances warranting their continuance in the same post:

(*b*) the uniform policy now being followed for keeping the officials as heads of the department:

(*c*) whether it is a fact that frequent transfers have been effected in some cases within a period of one year;

(*d*) if so, the reasons for such transfer?

SRI VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister):—

(*a*) 21; of these, 16 are non-transferable, being Departmental Promotees and the remaining had to be continued in the exigencies of public service.

(*b*) In respect of Heads of Departments, other than Departmental Promotees normally they are liable for transfer after a period of three years.